

Burkhardt, Richard 83

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REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

APPENDIX A

DATE JULY 22, 1983

FULL NAME RICHARD BURKHARDT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 3400 NOTTINGHAM ROAD

CITY Westminster STATE MARYLAND ZIP CODE 21157

DATE OF BIRTH 8-28-49 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE — (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION ROMAN CATHOLIC NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION PUBLIC RELATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS

EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL + COLLEGE COURSES

WEIGHT 270 HEIGHT 6'6" RACE WHITE

COLOR OF HAIR LIGHT BROWN COLOR OF EYES BLUE/GREY

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS SMOKES PIPE
ACTOR - PUBLIC SPEAKER

MARRIED OR SINGLE MARRIED CHILDREN MEGHAN 4 YEARS OLD
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE HELENORE

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT # _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ POSITION _____ DATE REGISTERED _____ DATE RESIGNED _____

OA ADVISOR (DISTRICT)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Woodbadge - District Award of Merit

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY
(ATTACHED)

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

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OCT 3 '83

F. STARON

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Charles J. Larkham, Jr.
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

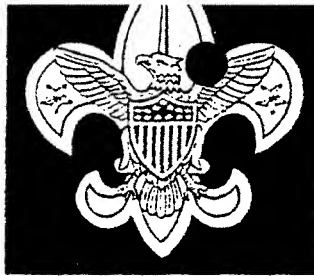
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BALTIMORE

September 16, 1983

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Registration Service
National Office, BSA
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

In follow-up to our recent phone conversation I am submitting the following account of the severing of Richard Burkhardt from Scouting participation.

In the letters submitted to you in June, the reasons stated are those of homosexual acts performed by Mr. Burkhardt.

On Thursday, June 16th, I met with [REDACTED] for 2 hours and discussed at great length the entire episode. The [REDACTED] family believe in, and have been active in, Scouting for a number of years. They were concerned 1) about their son's experience (for which they have sought spiritual and professional help) and 2) about adverse publicity to Scouting should they press charges against Richard Burkhardt. After weighing the pros and cons, the [REDACTED] said they would be satisfied if Mr. Burkhardt would sever all Scouting ties so that this same type of activity could not happen with other Scouts. However, if he would not leave Scouting they were prepared and ready to press charges.

I contacted our counsel, Richard W. Kiefer, Esq., and sought his advice on approaching Mr. Burkhardt. As a result of Mr. Kiefer's advice Mr. Burkhardt was called and an appointment made for the following morning between the District Executive, the District Chairman and Vice Chairman and Mr. Burkhardt. Everyone showed for the meeting including Mr. Burkhardt's wife and child.

The Scouting representative asked Mr. Burkhardt to sever his Scouting association and to return his registration card. At that time none of the Scouting representatives were specific about the reason they were asking for his resignation. They said they were doing it upon authority of the Executive Board and the council office and that if he wanted further explanation he should contact

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Ron Rogers at the Council Service Center. At this time both Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt ripped up their registration cards, threw them on the table, and left.

Mr. Burkhardt went home and immediately called me at the office. (I think it should be pointed out that Richard Burkhardt and I had worked together on Council activities so that he was not calling a stranger.) He asked me specifically why he was asked to leave Scouting. I told him that he had been accused of homosexual acts and that we had letters from the persons describing these acts.

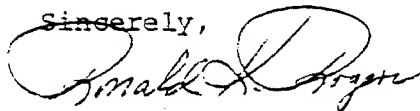
His response was in the following order:

R. Burkhardt - "Ron, is there legal action pending?"
Ron Rogers - "At present no, however the parents are prepared to file charges if you remain in Scouting."
R. Burkhardt - "You mean if I leave, they will not press charges?"
Ron Rogers - "That is correct."
R. Burkhardt - "Well, Ron, with God and my wife as witnesses I am not guilty, but for my love of Scouting I will leave."

It should be noted that the community where this occurred is very small and everyone knows each other's business. We felt it would not serve any purpose other than start a rumor-mill to approach the other boys mentioned in the letter, who by the way, have dropped out of the program.

I hope this information will be helpful in this matter.

Sincerely,



Ronald K. Rogers
Director of Field Service

RKR:ebg

cc: Charles I. Lanham, Jr.

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October 31, 1983

Mr. Charles I. Lanham, Jr.
Scout Executive
Baltimore Area Council, No. 220

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard Burkhardt

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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A program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers

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1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75062-1296
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30-338-1700 Law
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June 29, 1983

Mr. Charles I. Lanham, Jr.
Scout Executive
Baltimore Area Council, No. 220

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for the information concerning Richard Burkhardt. I appreciate knowing of this individual but would like some more information.

Enclosed is a Confidential Record Sheet which we would like completed. Please indicate as much information as you can so that we can identify Mr. Burkhardt should he move to some other area of the country.

We would also like the statements which you have from individuals related to this matter. If he was working with a local unit have they received a copy of a resignation?

Any of this information which you can provide will be most helpful to us now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: Northeast Region

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Baltimore Area Council, No. 220

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Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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BALTIMORE

June 24, 1983

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Registration Division
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

The following Scouter has been removed from our local records and has been asked not to become involved in Scouting again. The reason for this is his homosexual activities. We have signed documentation describing the homosexual acts.

He is: Richard Burkhardt
3400 Nottingham Road
Westminster, Maryland 21157

He is 33 years of age, a white male, 6'5", about 260 pounds. He is bearded and has medium brown hair. Professionally he is a radio announcer and has always worked in the communication field. He is married and has one daughter.

Let us know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Charles I. Lanham, Jr.
Scout Executive

Ronald K. Rogers
Director of Field Services

CIL/RKR:ebg

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On April 17, 1983 while setting up for Carroll Wee Out at Camp Hushwa, Richard Burkhard confronted me with the question of "if somebody would come up and offer you blow job would you let them do it?" I said no. Later in the day he changed the question by putting his name in there. I still said no, then when everybody went to take wood cuts we stayed to look for more wood. He then asked me again and I still said no. Then he said just try it if you don't like it we will stop. I said no. But then I thought what he might be able to do in the future in my scouting career. After while with all these thoughts he finally persuaded me to let him give me oral sex but against my morals. After words he said that would be it. Unless I went to him.

Then on June 14, 1983 after an OA meeting. He offered to give me a ride to the playground. I didn't suspect anything but he ask me again I said, "I was not in the mood for it." He then said, "maybe at our OA chapter ordeal in August?" I said

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maybe only because I thought if I said
no something might click in his mind that
I was going to bring this situation out.

All of this together has made
me fear for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who ~~was~~ were all going - he
in O A but have now backed out for some
unknown reason. But ~~was~~ they were both
I very close with Richard Burkard before they
backed out. I ~~am~~ ^{can} also ~~am~~ scared to go
back to O A myself unless he is eliminated
from scouting all together. Also there are some
people still active like [REDACTED]

The reason I ~~had~~ have not brought
this out before was my fear of what he
might do to me.

[REDACTED]

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As the parents of Eagle Scout, [REDACTED], we were floored, that one son was imposed upon by a homosexual act by one Richard Burkhard and my husband wanted to take action immediately. To have a man of this caliber, working with our youth in scouting, and in a leadership capacity, is without saying, a total disgrace! My husband and I are concerned for [REDACTED] and all the many other boys who may be influenced by this — — individual, and he must be stopped! My husband and I have been in scouting many many years and we know that Boy Scouts of America do not condone this kind of corruption! We certainly expect action to be taken to prevent the influencing of any more of our boys in the scouting family. Our first reaction was to take this to a Court of law, but we fear the retaliation that could be harmful to us possibly by him, Richard Burkhard. However, knowing that the Boy Scouts of America will not tolerate this kind of impudence, we can feel relieved knowing you will take the necessary steps needed to expel him from our youth organizations!

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]
June 15, 1982
June 15, 1992

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